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Richard T. Haik, Sr.
Chief Judge

Date of Birth: 1950
Education: Southwestern Louisiana 1971 BS;
Loyola U (New Orleans) 1975 JD
Began Service: June 14, 1991
Appointed By: President George H.W. Bush
Political Affiliation: Republican

Judicial: Judge, Louisiana District Court (1984-1991)

Legal Practice: Associate, Haik & Broussard (1975-1979); Partner, Haik, Broussard & Haik (1979-1981); Partner, Haik, Haik & Minvielle (1981-1984); Partner, Verret Partnership (1982-1985)

Military Service: Louisiana National Guard (1971-1978); United States Army Reserve, United States Department of the Army (1978-1984)

Current Memberships: American Bar Association; Federal Judges Association; Fifth Circuit District Judges Association; Iberia Parish Bar Association; Louisiana State Bar Association; State Bench Bar Committee, Louisiana State Bar Association

Staff

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Rebecca F. Doherty
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1952
Education: Northwestern State 1973 BA, 1975 MA; LSU 1981 JD
Began Service: November 18, 1991
Appointed By: President George H.W. Bush

Legal Practice: Attorney, Onebane, Donohoe, Bernard, Torian, Diaz, McNamara & Abell (1981-1991)

Current Memberships: Acadian Association of Women Attorneys; American Bar Association; Lafayette Parish Bar Association; Louisiana State Bar Association

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Robert G. James
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1946
Education: Louisiana Tech 1968 BA; LSU 1971 JD
Began Service: October 31, 1998
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton
Political Affiliation: Democrat

Judicial: Judge (part time), Ruston City Court (1985-1998); Judge Pro Tempore, Supreme Court of Louisiana, Lincoln and Union Parishes (1993-1997)

Legal Practice: Associate, Barham, Wright, Barham & Dawkins (1971-1972); Partner, Barham, Wright, Barham & Dawkins (and successor firms) (1972-1985)

Current Memberships: American Bar Association; American Judges Association; Louisiana Parish Bar Association; Louisiana State Bar Association; Louisiana Bar Foundation, Louisiana State Bar Association; Louisiana Tech University Foundation; The Nature Conservancy

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Dee D. Drell
District Judge

Date of Birth: November 4, 1947
Education: Tulane 1968 BA, 1971 JD
Began Service: May 9, 2003
Appointed By: President George W. Bush

Legal Practice: Attorney, Gravel, Roy and Burnes (1975-1981); Member, Gold, Weems, Bruser, Sues & Rundell (1981-2003)

Military Service: Judge Advocate General, United States Army (1971-1975)

Current Memberships: Alexandria Bar Association; American Bar Association; The Crossroads Inn of Court of Alexandria-Pineville, The American Inns of Court; American Judicature Society; Louisiana State Bar Association

Staff

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S. Maurice Hicks, Jr.
District Judge

Date of Birth: December 5, 1952
Education: Texas Christian 1974 BA; LSU 1977 JD
Began Service: June 12, 2003
Appointed By: President George W. Bush
Political Affiliation: Republican

Judicial: Staff Attorney, Louisiana Legislature (1975-1977)

Current Memberships: Louisiana State Bar Association; Shreveport Bar Association

Profession: Private Practice (1977-2003)

Staff

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Patricia Head Minaldi
District Judge

Date of Birth: September 12, 1958
Education: Wesleyan U 1980 BA; Tulane 1983 JD
Began Service: June 16, 2003
Appointed By: President George W. Bush
Political Affiliation: Republican

Government: Assistant District Attorney, Orleans Parish, New Orleans (1983-1986); Assistant Attorney General, Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana (1986-1996)

Judicial: Judge, 14th Judicial District of Louisiana (1996-2003)

Current Memberships: Louisiana State Bar Association; Southwest Louisiana Bar Association

Staff

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Donald E. Walter
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1936
Education: LSU 1961 BA, 1964 JD
Began Service: July 15, 1985
Appointed By: President George W. Bush

Academic: Adjunct Professor, Centenary College

Chambers of Senior Judge Donald E. Walter continued

Government: U.S. Attorney, Louisiana - Western District, Executive Office for United States Attorneys, United States Department of Justice (1969-1977)

Legal Practice: Attorney, Cavanaugh, Brame, Holt & Woodley (1964-1966); Attorney, Holt & Woodley (1966-1969); Attorney, Hargrove, Guyton, Ramey & Barlow (1978-1985)

Military Service: United States Army (1957-1958)

Staff

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James T. Trimble, Jr.
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1932
Education: LSU 1955 BA, 1956 JD
Began Service: September 12, 1991
Appointed By: President George H.W. Bush
Political Affiliation: Republican

Judicial: Magistrate Judge, United States District Court for the Western District of Louisiana (1986-1991); District Judge, United States District Court for the Western District of Louisiana (1991-2002)

Legal Practice: Attorney, Gist, Murchison, & Gist (1959-1978); Attorney, Trimble, Percy, Smith, Wilson, Foote, Walker & Honeycutt (1979-1986)

Military Service: United States Air Force (1956-1959)

Current Memberships: Federal Judges Association; Louisiana State Bar Association; Louisiana Bar Foundation, Louisiana State Bar Association; Southwest Louisiana Bar Association

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Tom Stagg
Senior Judge

Note: U.S. District Judge Tom Stagg assumed Senior Status on February 29, 1992.
Date of Birth: 1923
Education: LSU 1943 BA, 1949 JD
Began Service: 1992
Appointed By: President Richard M. Nixon

Current Memberships: American Bar Association; Louisiana State Bar Association; Shreveport Bar Association

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